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TOPIC Information on KVP Units in the Altwarp-Droegerheide Area

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REMARKS

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1. On 1 August 1953, the Abteilungen of the AAA unit stationed at Installation X in Altwarp were redesignated companies. The unit consisted of four companies, each equipped with 6 x 37-mm guns. Its ration strength was 32 officers and 300 men. The soldiers slept in tents. The administrative building of Installation X was the only building occupied.¹

2. From 4 to 7 August, the headquarters of the AAA unit was in Pasewalk, where command post exercises were held. On this occasion, discussions on organizational questions and possible improvements were held by the commanding officers of all the KVP units stationed in the Torgelow-Eggesin-area.

3. In early August, Installation V7 in Droegerheide quartered a tank unit equipped with T-43/85 tanks. The buildings under construction at the installation were not yet completed. Truck [REDACTED] was seen.²

4. From 1 through 8 August, [REDACTED] a KVP barracks installation was under construction about 2.5 km west of Altwarp, south of the road to Warsin. Two 2-story billeting buildings with a total quartering capacity of about 1,000 men were completed, while two garages with about 30 stalls were nearing completion. Work on these garages was being accelerated because vehicles and guns had to be parked in the open.³ The installation quartered about 800 KVP personnel. However, this strength continuously fluctuated because many soldiers were dispatched or transferred within the last four weeks, while new soldiers arrived. Most of the discharges were ill or considered unreliable, only few of them had completed their 3-year term of service. Numerous officers were also replaced. [REDACTED]

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6. Officers assigned to the AAA unit included Major Boerner (fnu), commanding officer, about 40 years old, from Saxony, allegedly a former professional AAA officer; Captain Knuth (fnu), chief of staff, about 45 years old, from Pomerania; Captain Schaedlich (fnu), chief PK officer, about 25 years old, from Saxony, Senior Lieutenant Zimmermann (fnu), PK officer, about 35 years old, from East Prussia. 1 3

7. The crews of the 37-mm AA guns had progressed so far in their training that they conducted firing with life ammunition at an air sleeve towed by a twin-engine plane. However, no more than 6 x 37-mm guns have participated in these practices so far. Up to 18 x 37-mm guns were involved in firing at ground targets. The crews of the 85-mm AA guns had not yet conducted firing with life ammunition. They mostly did service of the piece drill in the yard of the installation. [] observed that the 3-axle vehicles which looked like jeeps were used as limbers. These vehicles were allegedly manufactured in East Germany.

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- 25X1A 1. [] Comment. This information refers to the AAA regiment of the Mechanized Division Eggesin, which is permanently stationed at Altwarp and equipped with 37-mm guns. The strength data mentioned and the report that the former Abteilungen were redesignated companies indicate that the size of the unit involved has been reduced. However, this requires confirmation.

- 25X1A 2. [] Comment. Installation VI at Droegerheide quarters the tank regiment of Division Prenzlaw.

- 25X1A 3. [] Comment. These new building are referred to as Installation X. The 85-mm AA guns probably belonged to the AAA regiment of Armeegruppe Nord. This regiment is stationed in Pasewalk but goes to Altwarp for firing practices. It appears that elements of this regiment are jointly quartered with AAA Regiment Boerner of the Mecz Div Eggesin.

- 25X1A 4. [] Comment. The statement that replacements currently arrived at this installation appears noteworthy, because numerous previous reports indicated that Armeegruppe Nord was detaching personnel to other TVs.

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